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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 16497.43

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of | |) |
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| | T. Daniel Gross, et al. |) |
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| Serial No.: | 10/027,681 |) Art Unit |
| | |) 3734 |
| Filed: | December 21, 2001 |) |
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| Confirmation No.: | 2036 |) |
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| For: | SUTURE TRIMMER |) |
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| Examiner: | Diane D. Yabut |) |
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AMENDMENT "I" AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2008 (the "Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.